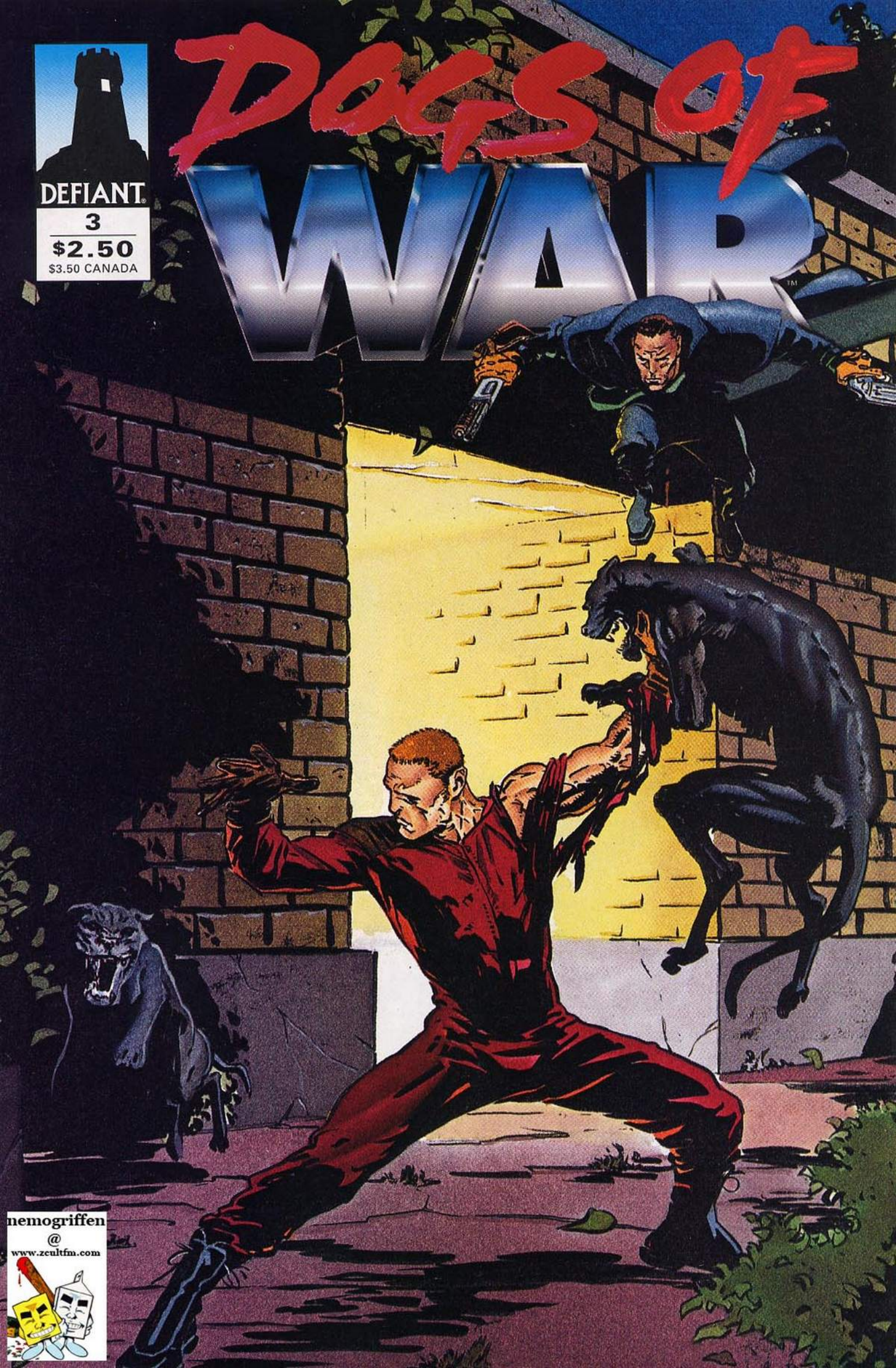
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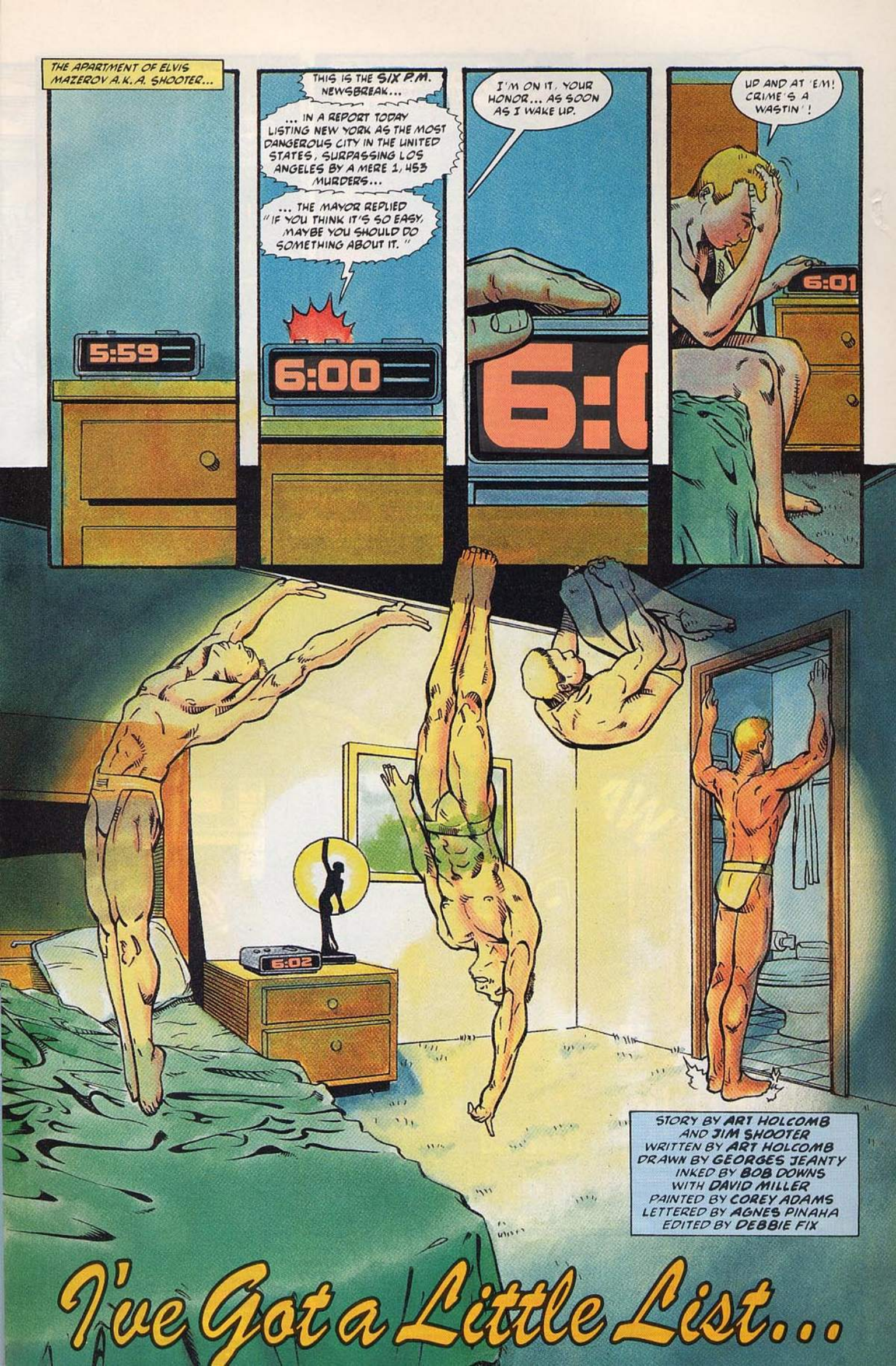
THE APARTMENT OF ELVIS MAZEROV A.K.A. SHOOTER...
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THIS IS THE SIX P.M. NEWSBREAK...
... IN A REPORT TODAY LISTING NEW YORK AS THE MOST DANGEROUS CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, SURPASSING LOS ANGELES BY A MERE 1,453 MURDERS...
... THE MAYOR REPLIED "IF YOU THINK IT'S SO EASY, MAYBE YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."
6:00
I'M ON IT, YOUR HONOR... AS SOON AS I WAKE UP.
UP AND AT 'EM! CRIME'S A WASTIN'!
6:01
6:02
STORY BY ART HOLCOMB AND JIM SHOOTER
WRITTEN BY ART HOLCOMB
DRAWN BY GEORGES JEANTY
INKED BY BOB DOWNS
WITH DAVID MILLER
PAINTED BY COREY ADAMS
LETTERED BY AGNES PINAHA
EDITED BY DEBBIE FIX
I've Got a Little List...

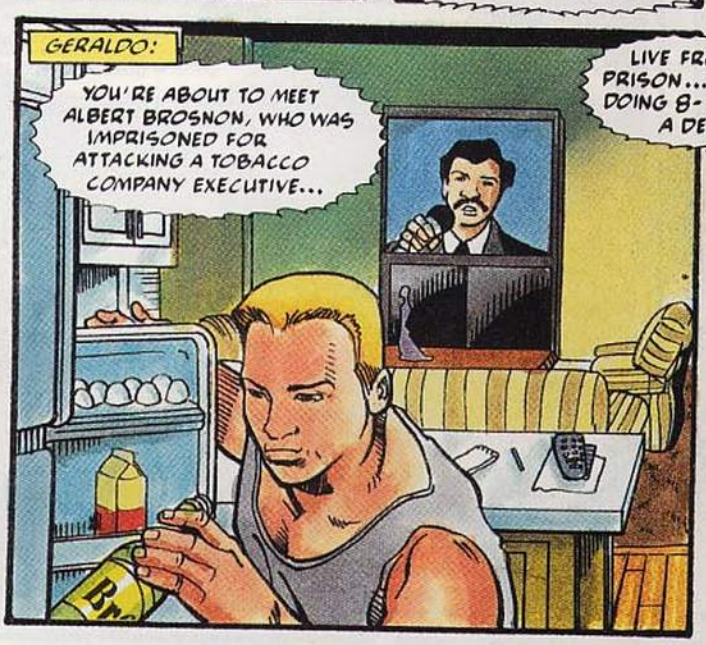
'EVENING, MR. MAZEROV.
HI YA, DAVEY. ALL QUIET ON YOUR WATCH?
SEEMS LIKE THE USUAL BUNCH OF HOOLIGANS HAVE MOVED. MAYBE THE COPS ARE FINALLY DOING THEIR JOB.
THAT'S ONE EXPLANATION.
OFF TO WORK, SIR?
I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT THAT...
WHERE TO?
TIMES SQUARE.
SHORTLY...
HOWARD JOHNSONS
HOWARD JOHNSON
TIFFANY
BURGER KING
Mama
LOVE LETTERS
SONY
Coca-Cola
KRAK!
K-KRAK!
... ARE YOU SURE, MACK? I COULD DROP YOU AT A LESS DISGUSTING CORNER.
THIS IS PERFECT, WHAT DO I OWE YOU?
GUNSHOTS! ALL RIGHT! ACTION!!

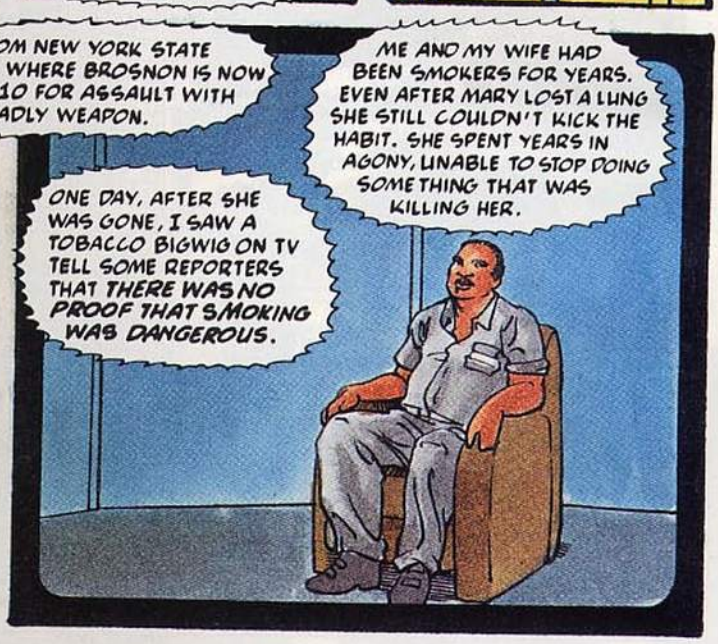
TODAY ON...
OPRAH:
WHEN DID YOU START DATING YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S MOM?

MONTEL WILLIAMS:
TODAY'S QUESTION IS: ARE THERE SATAN WORSHIPPERS IN CONGRESS?

SALLY JESSE:
BUT CAN GOOD WOMEN ACTUALLY BE ATTRACTED TO NICE MEN?

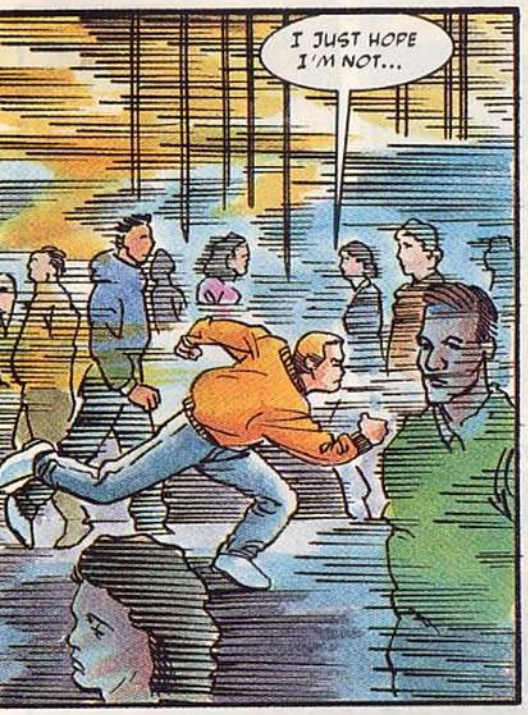
OH, FOR CRIPE'S SAKE!

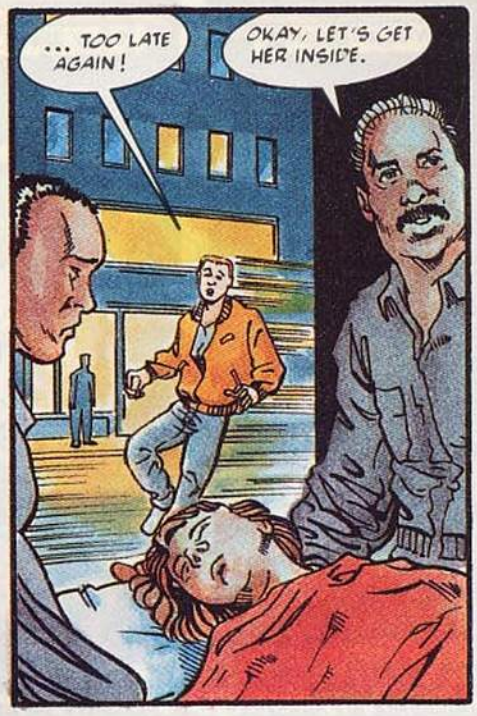

GERALDO:
YOU'RE ABOUT TO MEET ALBERT BROSNON, WHO WAS IMPRISONED FOR ATTACKING A TOBACCO COMPANY EXECUTIVE...
LIVE FROM NEW YORK STATE PRISON... WHERE BROSNON IS NOW DOING 8-10 FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON.

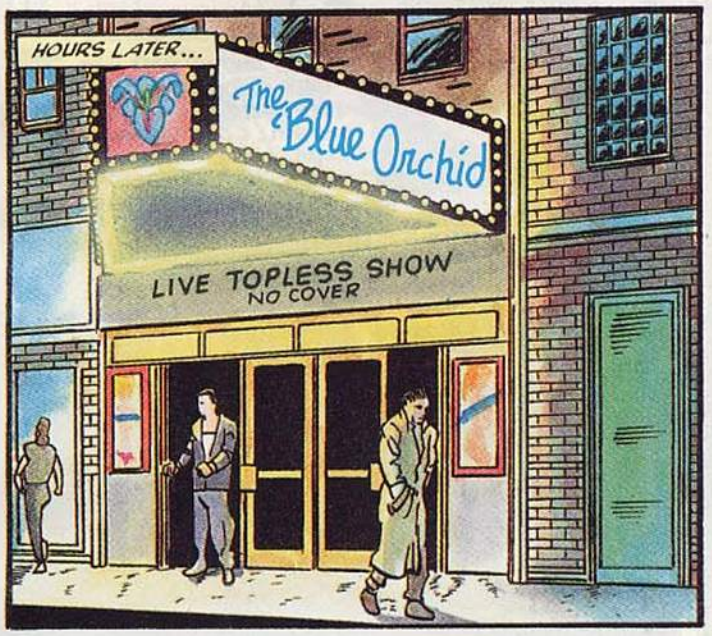

ME AND MY WIFE HAD BEEN SMOKERS FOR YEARS. EVEN AFTER MARY LOST A LUNG SHE STILL COULDN'T KICK THE HABIT. SHE SPENT YEARS IN AGONY, UNABLE TO STOP DOING SOMETHING THAT WAS KILLING HER.
ONE DAY, AFTER SHE WAS GONE, I SAW A TOBACCO BIGWIG ON TV TELL SOME REPORTERS THAT THERE WAS NO PROOF THAT SMOKING WAS DANGEROUS.

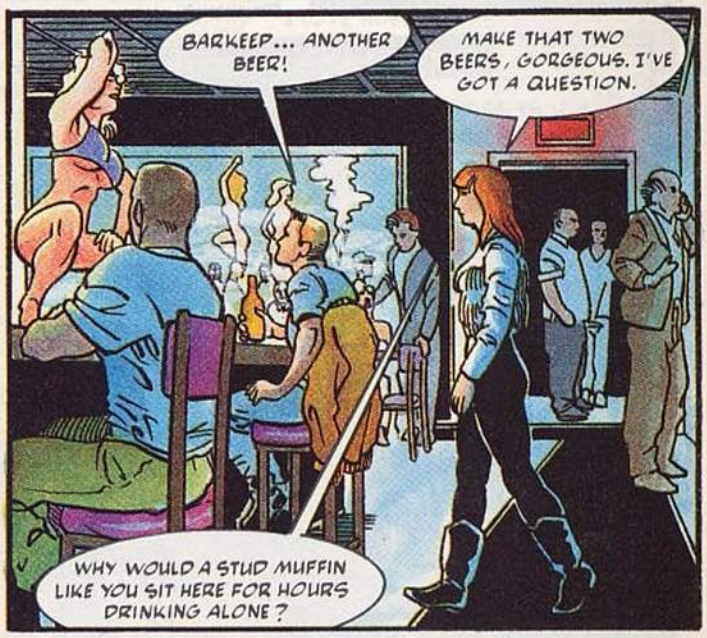
I WENT TO SEE THIS GUY... TO FIND OUT HOW HE COULD SAY SUCH LIES. MY WIFE WAS DEAD AND I WANTED ANSWERS.
I TOOK MY GUN WITH ME...

PERFECT!









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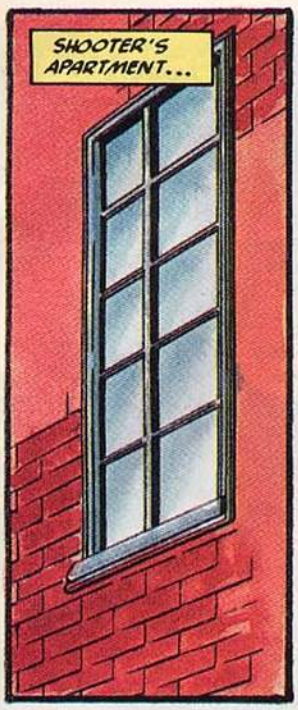
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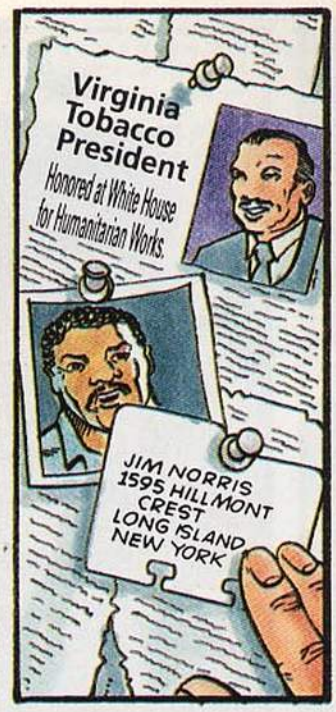
... TWO WEEKS LATER...
THAT'LL DO IT.


Virginia Tobacco President
Honored at White House for Humanitarian Works.
JIM NORRIS 1595 HILLMONT CREST LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

HOME OF JIM NORRIS.
LOOKS LIKE THE OLD BEVERLY HILLBILLIES PLACE, BUT WITH GUARDS.
PERFECT!

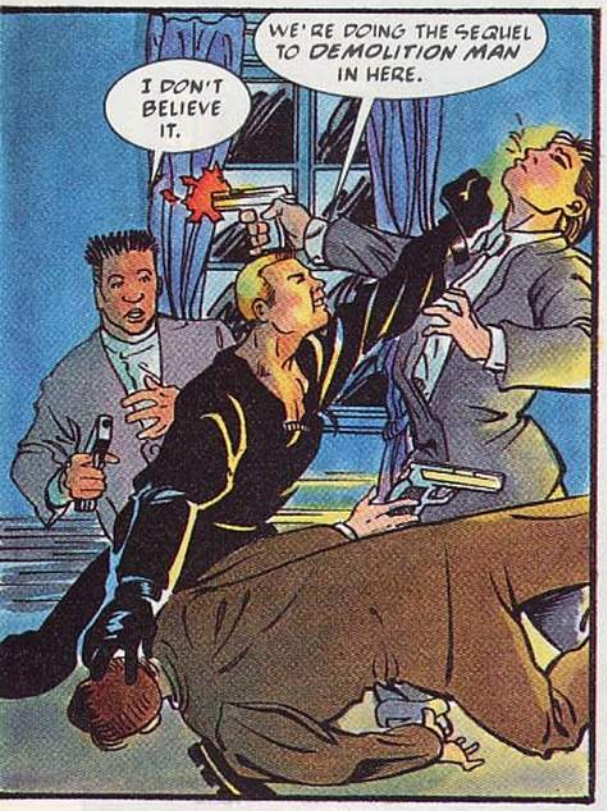
I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE BOTHER WITH GUARDS ANYMORE.

I LOVE THIS INVISIBILITY STUFF.
I'LL BET THAT'S THE BIG GUY'S OFFICE.

OKAY, DESK FIRST, THEN I'LL SEARCH FOR THE SAFE.

"WORKERS ON STRIKE IN VIRGINIA." BETTER TAKE THIS WITH ME.

YOU GOT THE WRONG ROOM, BOYS. AUDITIONS FOR THE "NEW THREE STOOGES" MOVIE IS DOWN THE HALL.


I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
WE'RE DOING THE SEQUEL TO DEMOLITION MAN IN HERE.

BUT WHILE I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, YOU COULD HELP ME WITH ONE DETAIL...

WHERE IS JIM NORRIS?!
HE... HE'S IN EUROPE. WON'T BE BACK FOR TWO WEEKS.

SIRENS! OOPS... GOTTA GO!

BETTER TAKE THE REST OF THESE PAPERS, TOO.
LOOK... THE GUYS AT THE FRONT DOOR FINALLY WOKE UP.

DON'T WORRY, BOYS... WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

HEY... HEY STOP HIM!
STOP WHO, CAPTAIN?
LOOK AT THAT!

NEXT DAY AT SHOOTER'S APARTMENT...

... THIS MEMO FROM THE FIELD FOREMAN LOOKS INTERESTING... "THIS IS TO UPDATE YOU ON THE WORKER'S STRIKE IN VIRGINIA. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVEN CASES OF ILLNESS LINKED TO WORKERS WHO HAVE PICKED WET TOBACCO. MEDICAL EXAMS SHOW A VIRUS NORMALLY IN THE TOBACCO HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE WORKERS."

"WHEN COMPLAINTS WERE MADE, ALL AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS WERE FIRED."

"THE REMAINING WORKERS HAVE FALLEN IN LINE, AND WE EXPECT NO MORE DIFFICULTIES." SIGNED "B. DELBERT"

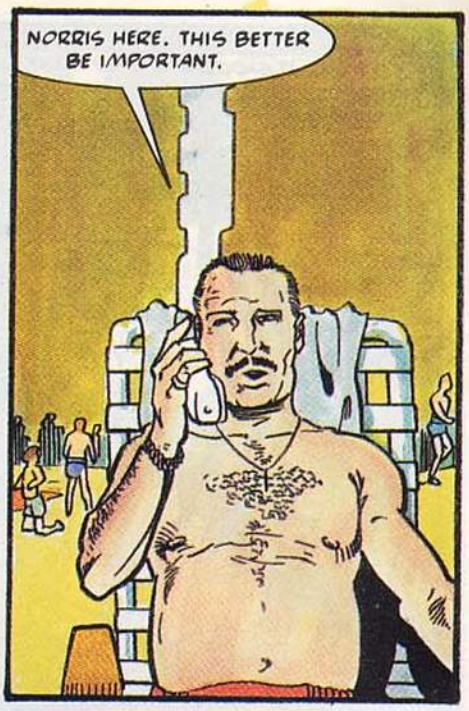
I THINK I'LL MAKE "B. DELBERT" MY FIRST PRIORITY.

TO-DO LIST:

1. TOBACCO COMPANIES

THE COTE AZUR, FRANCE.

THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU, MONSIEUR NORRIS.
THANKS.


NORRIS HERE. THIS BETTER BE IMPORTANT.

THIS IS SHOTGUN. WE HAVE A PROBLEM. AN INTRUDER BROKE INTO THE ESTATE LATE YESTERDAY.
HE DISABLED SEVERAL OF YOUR GUARDS BEFORE ESCAPING WITH SOME REPORTS FROM YOUR DESK.

NO SIR, HE DIDN'T FIND THE SAFE... BUT I BELIEVE HE WILL BE BACK. SINCE YOU PAY ME TO SECURE THE ESTATE, I WANT TO INCREASE THE STAFF AS WELL AS BRING IN SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

YES SIR, THE WHOLE PLACE WILL BE SECURED FOR YOUR RETURN IN TWO WEEKS. I GUARANTEE IT.
YES... SIR.

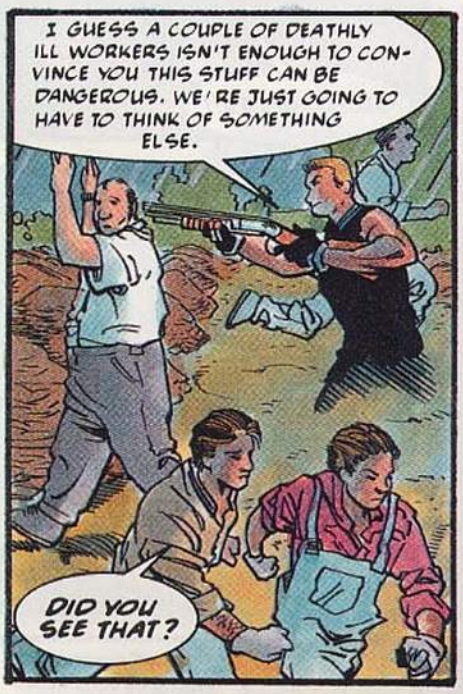
I ALWAYS DO WHAT I'M PAID TO DO.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, ON A PLANE BOUND FOR VIRGINIA...
... SO, ANYWAY, I TOLD THEM IF ANYONE COULD BEAT THE OLD RECORD FOR SELLING THE MOST WHOLE LIFE POLICIES IN A SINGLE MONTH, IT WOULD BE YOURS TRULY!
... I MEAN, I CAN TALK A CRIPPLE OUT OF HIS CRUTCH!
SO, I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COULD USE ANYMORE INSURANCE, MISTER.. UH..
STEWARDESS!!
VIRGINIA TOBACCO FIELDS IN VIRGINIA...
MAN, IT'S POURING. WE'RE NOT WORKING WITH WET LEAF.
MISTER DELBERT, YOU CAN'T MAKE US DO SOMETHIN THAT'LL MAKE US SICK!
I DON'T CARE IF IT WERE SNOWING OUT THERE. IF YOU DON'T MAKE YOUR QUOTA, YOU DON'T GET PAID.
NOW, GET BACK TO WORK... THE FASTER YOU FINISH, THE FASTER YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE RAIN!
WHAT A BUNCH OF WHINERS... I DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH FOR THIS!
"I THOT I THAW A PUDDY TAT!"

OKAY, EINSTEIN... WHY DON'T YOU AND I TAKE A LITTLE WALK.
WHAT ?!

NOW, BEFORE I DECIDE WHICH PART OF YOU TO VENTILATE FIRST, CALL ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE INTO THE WARM COMFORTABLE LITTLE TRAILER OF YOURS!
OKAY, OKAY... WHATEVER YOU WANT!

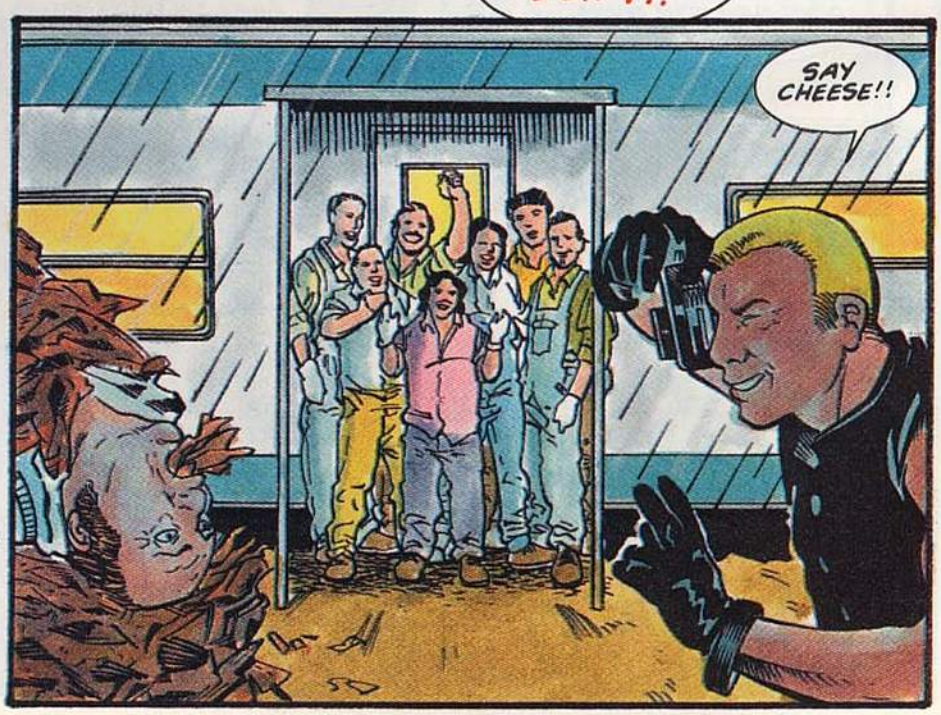
EVERYBODY... GET INTO THE TRAILER NOW!
PLEASE DON'T HURT ME.


I GUESS A COUPLE OF DEATHLY ILL WORKERS ISN'T ENOUGH TO CONVINCE YOU THIS STUFF CAN BE DANGEROUS. WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE.
DID YOU SEE THAT?

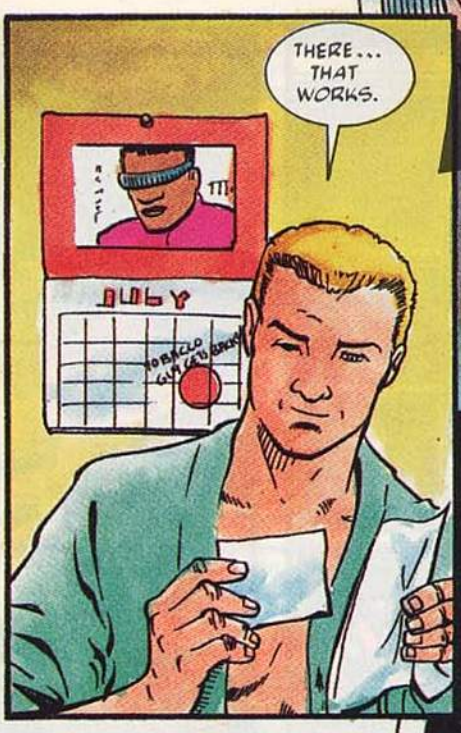
... I'LL BET YOU REMEMBER HOW IT WAS IN THE OLD DAYS, WHEN YOU HAD TO ROLL YOUR OWN CIGARETTES...
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN ROLL A REALLY BIG "BUTT"... WITH YOU AS THE PAPER!
... WAIT... I JUST DID WHAT I WAS TOLD. I CARED ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE, REALLY!

NOT ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH... YOU COULD'VE ALWAYS SAID NO...
HOW COME PEOPLE ALWAYS FORGET THAT THEY CAN SAY NO?
NO!! PLEASE DON'T!!

NOW, A LITTLE SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE THE VIRUS GETS DEEP DOWN INSIDE YOU AND...


SAY CHEESE!!

SHOOTER'S APARTMENT... DAYS LATER...
"DEAR SIRS... I WILL COME BACK AND DO THIS TO ANY PERSON WHO CONTINUES TO SEND WORKERS OUT IN DANGEROUS CONDITIONS."
"REMEMBER- I'M WATCHING YOU. SINCERELY, A CONCERNED CITIZEN."


THERE... THAT WORKS.
JULY

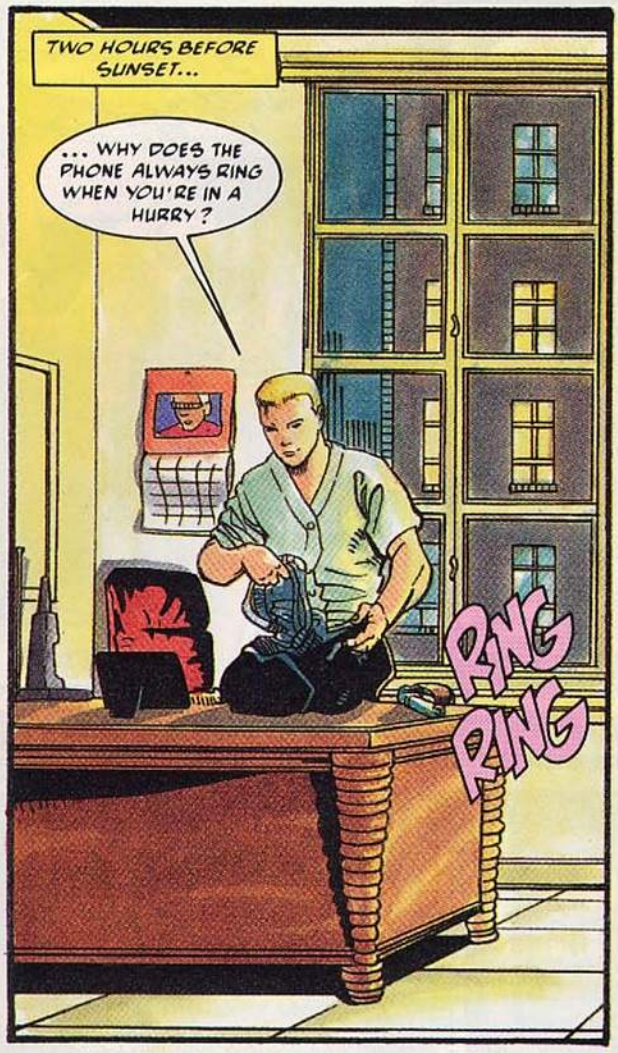
Dear Sirs:
I will come back and do this

NORRIS' ESTATE...
I WANT A PERIMETER CHECK IN THREE MINUTES!
MOVE IT!!

MOVE IT, MEN!
THE LAST ONE TO REPORT IN STANDS FRONT GUARD ALL NIGHT TONIGHT!

THE NEW CAMERAS AND MOTION DETECTORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, SIR... BUT I DON'T BELIEVE ANYONE COULD GET THROUGH ALL THIS HI-TECH GEAR... WHY INCREASE THE PATROLS?
BELIEF ISN'T IMPORTANT HERE, McHAM. TECHNOLOGY DIDN'T STOP HIM LAST TIME AND IT WON'T STOP HIM THIS TIME. REMEMBER...

WE ARE HUNTING A MAN TODAY. MOST TIMES, THE OLD WAYS ARE THE BEST...


TWO HOURS BEFORE SUNSET...
... WHY DOES THE PHONE ALWAYS RING WHEN YOU'RE IN A HURRY?
RING RING

HELLO? MOIRA?

ELVIS, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT POSTPONING OUR DATE... ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE AWAY ON BUSINESS... OR DID YOU MEAN CANCEL...?

LISTEN, I'M NOT DUMPING YOU... I HAVE TO GO... BUT I'LL CALL WHEN I GET BACK. I PROMISE. MY WORD'S GOOD!
JULY

IF YOU GET A CHANCE, ELVIS. OR WHATEVER.
SEE YA...

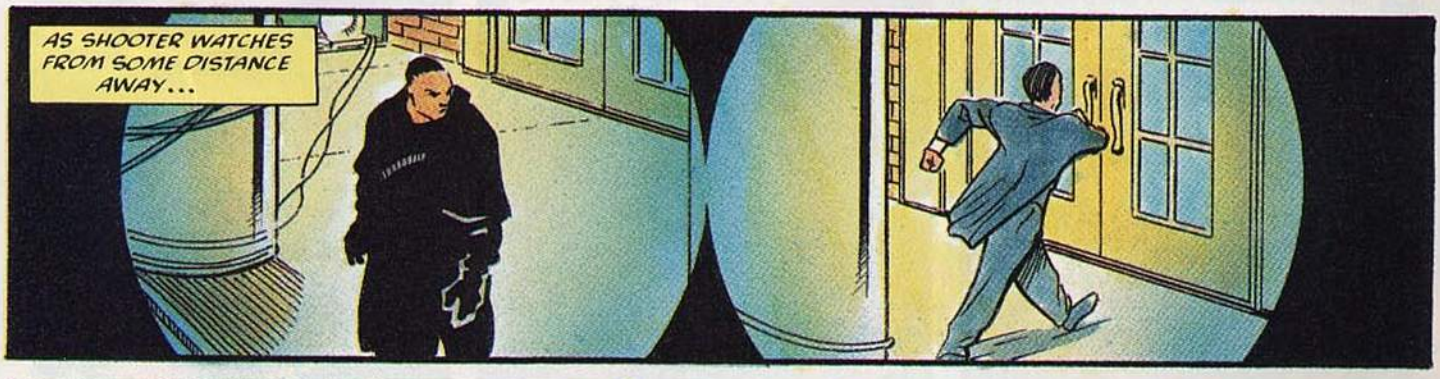
MOIRA? MOIRA?
MY WORD IS GOOD!

NORRIS' ESTATE...
I SEE YOU INSTALLED THE ADDITIONAL SECURITY DEVICES WE DISCUSSED, SHOTGUN.
AS I TOLD YOU ON THE CAR PHONE, SIR, ALL SECURITY MEASURES ARE NOW IN PLACE.

I HOPE SO -- THE SYSTEM YOU HAD IN PLACE BEFORE COULDN'T EVEN STOP ONE GUY!
IF HE GETS THROUGH TO ME NOW, I GUARANTEE YOU, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST JOB!

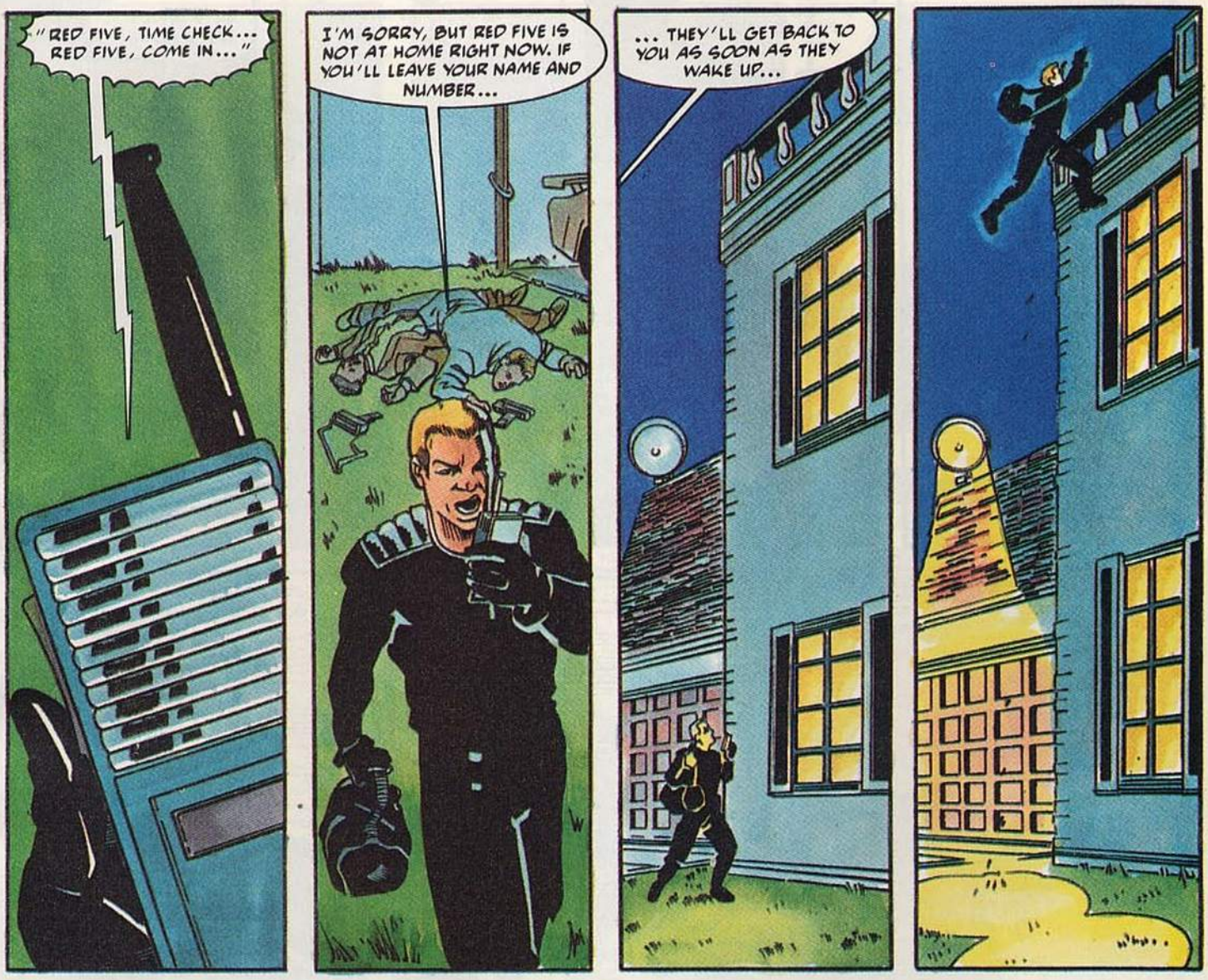
LISTEN, MAN, I'M A PROFESSIONAL. I DO WHAT I GET PAID TO DO. YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT AGAIN, AND I'LL DO YOU MYSELF FOR FREE!

... AND I DON'T DO ANYTHING FOR FREE!
YEAH, WELL... YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT.


AS SHOOTER WATCHES FROM SOME DISTANCE AWAY...

"LOOKS LIKE... I'D BETTER BE ON MY TOES..."
"I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS GUY IS, BUT HE LOOKS TOUGH!"

LATER THAT EVENING...
... OUTSIDE THE NORRIS ESTATE.
HEY SAM, DID YOU HEAR THAT THUD?
WE BETTER GO CHECK IT OUT!
BOB, LOOK! A DUFFEL BAG. THE INTRUDER MUST HAVE DROPPED IT. THAT'S WHAT PROBABLY MADE THAT THUD.
I AGREE, BUT NOT AS BIG A THUD AS YOU TWO WILL MAKE!
DARN... I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING CUTE TO SAY. I MUST BE SLIPPING!


"RED FIVE, TIME CHECK... RED FIVE, COME IN..."
I'M SORRY, BUT RED FIVE IS NOT AT HOME RIGHT NOW. IF YOU'LL LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER...
... THEY'LL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY WAKE UP...

YOU SAID YOU COULD PROTECT ME!! YOU SAID HE COULDN'T GET IN!! YOU CAN'T STOP HIM!!

SHUT UP AND WAIT HERE... RIGHT HERE!
THIS GUY IS MINE!

MOMENTS LATER...
CAMERAS AREN'T GOING TO HELP YOU NOW, PAL!
YOO HOO, LADIES!!
I'M OVER HERE!
HE'S INSIDE... LET'S MOVE!
GOD FORGIVE ME, BUT I LOVE THIS!
... PLEASE...
... HELP ME...
RED... COME IN... HE'S SPOTTED ME OUT NEAR THE... WALL... COMING TOWARDS ME...
COME ON, MEN! HE'S BEEN SPOTTED -- OUT NEAR THE SOUTH WALL -- LET'S MOVE IT!

WELCOME...
YOU ARE TRULY AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN TO HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR, BUT IT'S OVER!
ATTACK!
OH MY GOD...
DOGS ARE NOT AS RELIABLE AS MOST PEOPLE THINK...
WHERE DO YOU WANT 'EM?

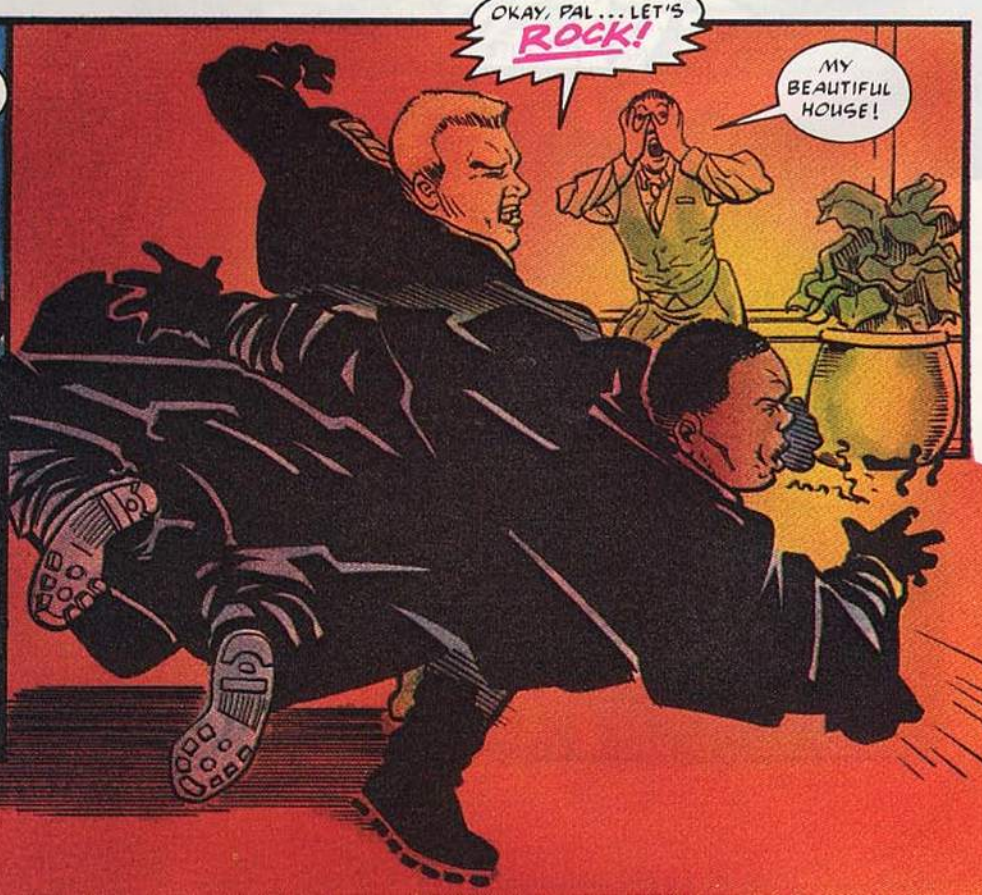
I'M NOT EVEN GONNA MESS WITH YOU ANYMORE!
OOPS!!

HOW... HOW DID YOU DO THAT ?

SHUCKS, THAT WEREN'T NOTHIN'. NOW DROP IT BEFORE YOU MAKE ME REALLY ANGRY!

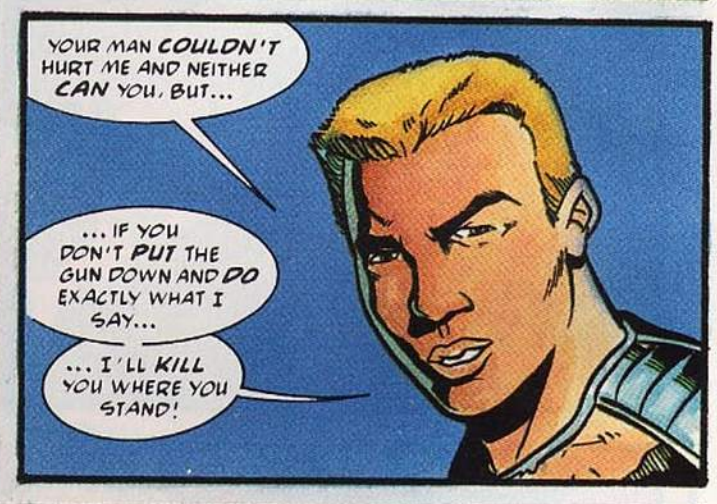
MAN, YOU TALK TOO MUCH!!

FINALLY... SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO REALLY PLAY!


OKAY, PAL... LET'S ROCK!
MY BEAUTIFUL HOUSE!

JUST ONE MORE AND...

DON'T... DON'T MOVE.
P-PUT YOUR HANDS UP NOW!

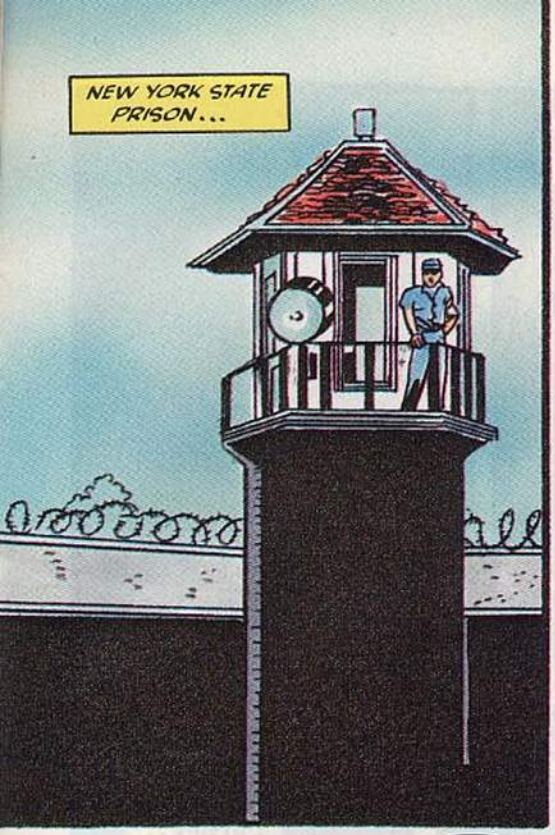

YOUR MAN COULDN'T HURT ME AND NEITHER CAN YOU, BUT...
... IF YOU DON'T PUT THE GUN DOWN AND DO EXACTLY WHAT I SAY...
... I'LL KILL YOU WHERE YOU STAND!

TEN MINUTES LATER...
WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?

HE'S GONE... HE JUST LEFT...
HE MADE ME OPEN THE SAFE. HE TOOK EVERYTHING... PAPERS... A HALF A MIL IN CASH AND BONDS.

HERE--H-HE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS NOTE-- I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO KILL ME...

"I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU... BUT I DIDN'T-- THIS TIME -- JUST CALL IT A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY! BUT, SHOULD OUR PATHS EVER CROSS AGAIN-- I WON'T BE SO EASY ON YOU!"

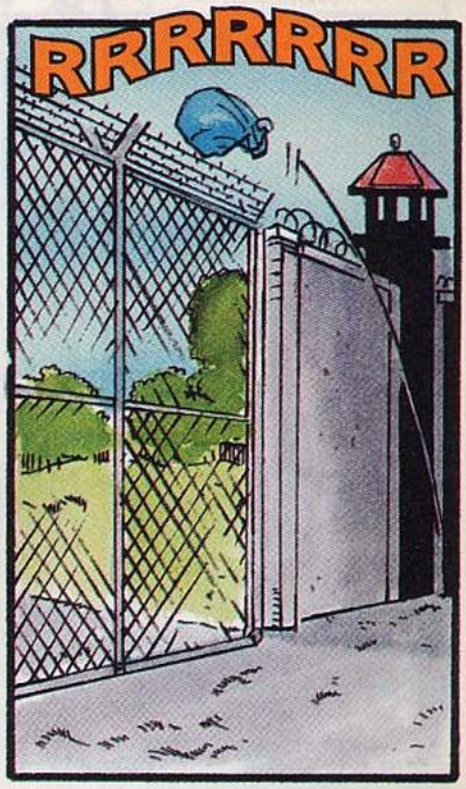

NEW YORK STATE PRISON...

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM...
PSST! PSST!!

HEY, BROSNON... YOU WANT TO GET OUTTA HERE ?
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?

I SAW YOU ON TV. YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE HERE, AND I CAN GET YOU OUT.
NOW, DO YOU WANT TO GO OR NOT?

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS--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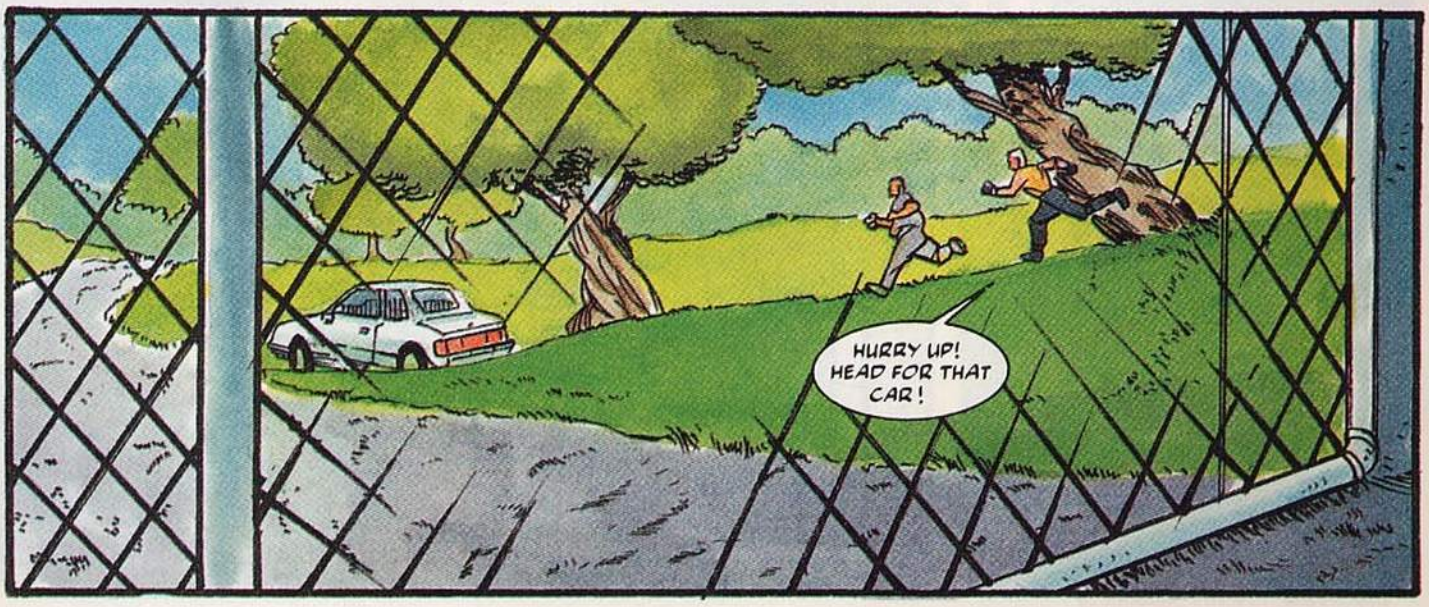
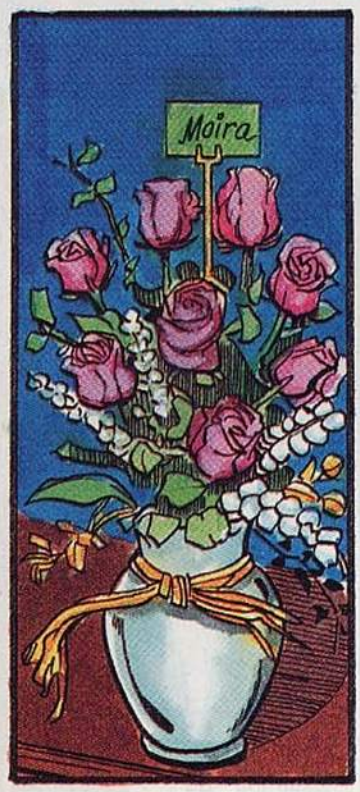

HURRY UP! HEAD FOR THAT CAR!

THIRTY MILES DOWN THE ROAD...
... SO NOW I'M INNOCENT AND A FUGITIVE. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MAZEROV VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM...

THERE'S $250,000 IN THERE, TAKEN FROM THE GUY I FIGURE HELPED KILL YOUR WIFE. TAKE IT AND MOVE TO SOME PLACE FAR AWAY, LIKE MONTANA OR CANADA... MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR YOURSELF.

MOIRA'S APARTMENT, THE NEXT EVENING...
DING DONG

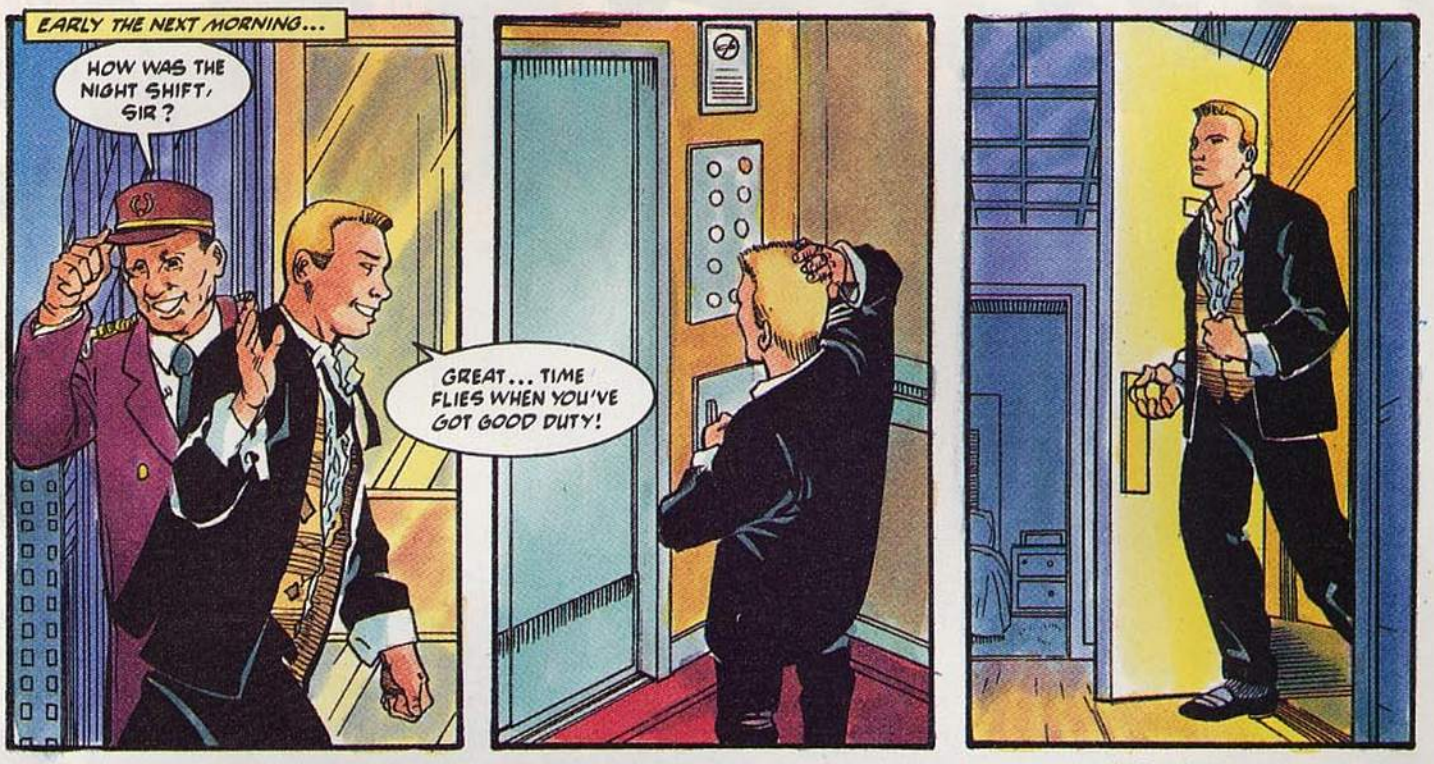
OH MY GOD! I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

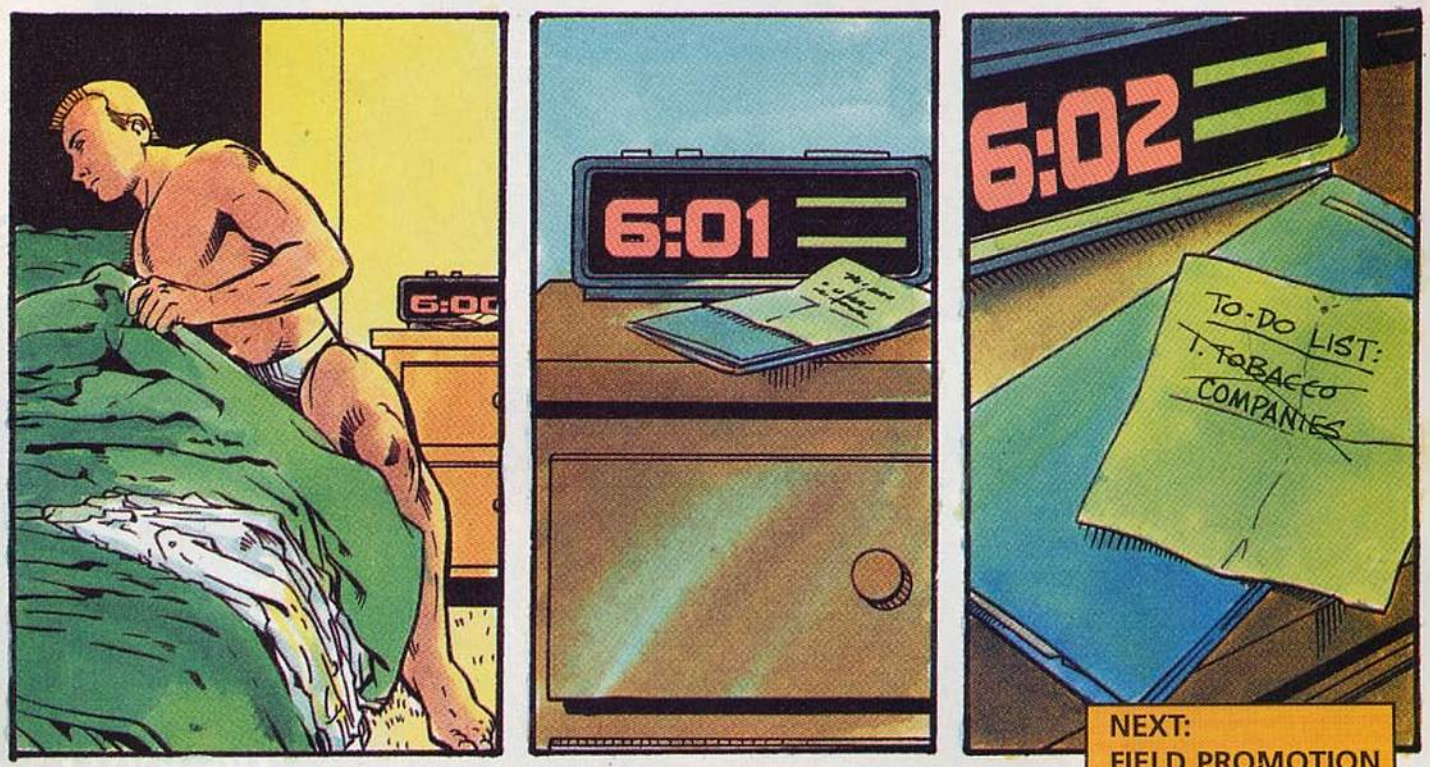

Moira

"LOOK OUTSIDE?!"

ELVIS?

TOLD YA, BABE... MY WORD IS GOOD!
COME ON DOWN!





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